

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MOTHER BEULAH MAXWELL

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of an extraordinary woman who held her family together through strength and prayer: Mother Beulah Maxwell.

Mother Beulah was the mother of my late wife of 37 years and my beloved mother-in-law. She was a rock of inspiration, wisdom, and confirmation to me.

The daughter of Lorraine Oliver and Leo Dewitt, Mother Beulah was born April 20, 1934 in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated from Fayette County Training High School in 1952, later known as Fayette Ware High School. Mother Beulah made friends everywhere she went and found Christ at the early age at Beulah Baptist Church, where she remained a loyal member for 60 years. She had four children: Carolyn, Vanesa, Kenneth, and Stephanie. She deeply loved her children and raised them to be upstanding citizens who valued community and service. Mother Beulah was active in the community as a church leader and as a Boy Scout leader—she was a constant presence in her children's lives.

As the matriarch of the family, Mother Beulah extended her support to family members, including myself and my late wife, Carolyn.

Mother Beulah worked as a school bus driver for nearly 15 years and proudly served the children of Shelby County—never once receiving a moving violation. Later, she would live in the care of her family in both Chicago and Memphis.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank Maxwell; and her daughter, Carolyn Rush. She is survived by her sister, Lizzy Stevenson; daughters, Vanessa Dennis and Stephanie Lemon; her son, Kenneth Shields—and grandchildren in addition to several great-grandchildren.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mother Beulah's family and with all who loved and were impacted by her.

IN RECOGNITION OF VANESSA FLUKER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vanessa Fluker, a Detroit resident and our guardian for housing rights, as she begins her positions of Attorney General and Law Commissioner of the Maipuri Arauan Nation.

Vanessa Fluker has been practicing law for more than a decade in Michigan. We call her the "People's Lawyer" for tremendous amount of pro-bono work she provides on behalf of Detroit's working families. With a long record of court victories, she continues to fight to stop illegal evictions and uses her experience to change policies that hurt our most vulnerable. Attorney Fluker has also launched a campaign against predatory lending practices and real estate scams that target our communities. Her work has been recognized in the halls of Congress as she was asked to testify before the 111th Congress' Judiciary and the 116th Congress' Financial Services Committees. She has also been awarded the Harriet Tubman Award in 2010, the Golden Gavel Award from the Wolverine Bar Association in 2011, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from United Community Housing Coalition in 2012.

I am proud to have worked along her side as a young college student and later fighting with her for housing justice. Michigan's 13th District is indebted to her for protecting us from predatory lending practices and abusive habits of mortgage companies.

Vanessa Fluker's appointment as the Attorney General and Law Commissioner for the Maipuri Arauan Nation is a reflection of her hard work and commitment to her community. Please join me in recognizing Vanessa Fluker and congratulate her on the next journey to seeking justice for all.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which held a virtual festival on February 19, 2022, in celebration of Black History Month.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History was established on September 9, 1915, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a historian and journalist who is regarded as the father of Black History Month. The Association's mission is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.

The Association hosts events every February honoring the lives and accomplishments of great Black men and women throughout history. It also publishes journals and magazines, including the Journal of African American History, which showcases original scholarly articles on all aspects of the African American experience.

The theme for the Association's festival celebrating Black History Month this year is

Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges not only the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of healing used throughout the African Diaspora. This year's theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have carried out to be healthy.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and its vital role in establishing Black History Month.

IN HONOR OF DETECTIVE DANNY NG, UNITED STATES PARK POLICE

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Ng, a detective with the Department of the Interior, United States Park Police, who is retiring on February 26, 2022, after twenty-seven years of federal service. Mr. Ng is the first Asian American to serve as a detective investigator within the New York Field Office of the U.S. Park Police.

In July 1994, Detective Danny Ng began his federal law enforcement career in the United States Customs, New York Field Office, and was assigned to JFK Int'l Airport. On January 26, 1997, Danny Ng was sworn in as a U.S. Park Police Officer assigned to Rock Creek Park Station, Washington, DC.

In 1998, Detective Ng transferred to the New York Regional office of the United States Park Police and patrolled the National Park Service lands within the confines of Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Queens as well as Manhattan iconic sites: the Statue of Liberty and Federal Hall. In November 2009, Mr. Ng was promoted to detective and was assigned to the New York Field Office, Criminal Investigations Branch where he investigated felony and violent crimes in Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens. As the senior detective, Detective Ng, trained and mentored new officers and detectives.

Detective Ng participated and earned recognition in the following high-profile investigations: The September 11, 2001 World Trade Center attacks; Flight 587 plane crash in Rockaway, Queens as well as other unit citation awards. Detective Ng also was detailed to Washington D.C. on occasions where he served as a protection officer for several Presidential Inaugurations including the Inauguration of former President Donald J. Trump.

Mr. Danny Ng is also a 25-year member and former NYS Trustee of the Fraternal Order of Police, USPP Lodge.

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